

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. R. H. Burne and Mr. A. S. Kennard were appointed scrutineers.

The following report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their nineteenth Annual Report, are able again to record a year of progress.

“During that period thirteen new members have been elected, while death has removed two of our old ones, namely, Miss Mary Lodder and Mr. Robert Cairns.

“The membership of the Society on December 31, 1911, stood as follows:—

Ordinary members . . . . .	70
Corresponding members . . . . .	90
Total . . . . .	160

an increase of eleven as compared with the preceding year.

“The financial condition of the Society shows an improvement, partly through the increase of membership and partly on account of the increased price of the ‘Proceedings’. The current account consequently has a credit balance of £9 6s. 3d. The special fund, created three years ago, and which last year was transferred to the current account, has been resuscitated. This was made possible by a donation from a member, and this fund now has £12 7s. standing to its credit. Moreover, the Society still holds the sum of £50 invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent stock.

“During the year 1911 the usual three parts of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued, forming the second half of Vol. IX. They contain 149 pages, illustrated with 4 plates and 53 text-figures.

“The following gentlemen have very kindly contributed towards the cost of the illustrations or have supplied drawings or photographs for the plates and text-figures: H. H. Bloomer, Rev. A. H. Cooke, Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, R. Bullen Newton, Major A. J. Peile, H. B. Preston, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, and E. R. Sykes. It is only through such liberal assistance that it is possible to illustrate the ‘Proceedings’ so fully.

“Further, the thanks of the Society are especially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness it has been permitted, as in former years, to hold its meetings in Burlington House.”

On the motion of the Rev. E. W. Bowell, seconded by Mr. C. P. Crick, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for 1912:—

*President.*—R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S.

*Vice-Presidents.*—Rev. A. H. Cooke, M.A., F.Z.S.; G. C. Crick, F.G.S.; Rev. Professor H. M. Gwatkin, D.D.; B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

*Treasurer.*—J. H. Ponsonby, F.Z.S., 15 Chesham Place, London, S.W.

*Secretary*.—G. K. Gude, F.Z.S., 45 West Hill Road, Wandsworth, London, S.W.

*Editor*.—E. A. Smith, I.S.O., F.Z.S., Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

*Other Members of Council*.—Rev. E. W. Howell, M.A.; Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, B.A., F.L.S.; H. B. Preston, F.Z.S.; H. O. N. Shaw, F.Z.S.; E. R. Sykes, B.A.; J. R. Le B. Tomlin, M.A., F.E.S.

On the motion of Mr. C. P. Crick, seconded by Mr. R. H. Burne, a vote of thanks was passed to the Retiring Officers and Members of the Council, and to the Auditors and Scrutineers.

#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

The President delivered his annual address, entitled "On the Lower Tertiary Mollusca of the Fayum Province of Egypt", which was illustrated by some of the shells mentioned, including the types of several new species. Afterwards numerous views of the district in question, kindly provided by Dr. C. W. Andrews, were thrown on the screen.

On the motion of Mr. B. B. Woodward, seconded by Mr. C. P. Crick, a vote of thanks was passed to the President for his address, and he was asked to permit it being printed *in extenso*. Dr. Andrews, who had been in charge of the expedition and who brought the fossils home, made some interesting observations.

#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1912.

R. BULLEN NEWTON, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. H. C. Napier was elected a member of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "The Distribution and Habits of *Alopi*, a sub-genus of *Clausilia*." By the Rev. A. H. Cooke, M.A., F.Z.S.
2. "A Synopsis of the Recent and Tertiary Land and Freshwater Mollusca of the Californian Province." By H. Hannibal.
3. "Note on the existence of two editions of Férussac's *Tableaux Systématiques*." By M. Conolly.
4. "Note on *Pleurotoma* (*Clionella*) *bipartita*, Smith." By E. A. Smith, I.S.O.

The Rev. A. H. Cooke exhibited ten specimens of *Eremina desertorum*, forming part of a collection of forty taken by him near Cairo in 1904, which had been placed in a tin box and kept without food until January last, when it was found that ten individuals were still alive; they were supplied with lettuce leaves which, however, they would not touch, whereas some desert sand was greedily devoured by them. Of these ten specimens seven had since died, but the other three were still alive.